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SUBJECT: CCD 661ST PLENARY MEETING, MARCH 25, 1975

SUMMARY: THERE WERE FOUR PRINCIPAL STATEMENTS AT

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MARCH 25 CCD PLENARY. JAPANESE REP ANSWERED SOME

QUESTIONS ABOUT JAPANESE DRAFT CW CONVENTION AND STATED THAT BINARIES SHOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM OUTSET IN PHASED APPROACH TO COMPREHENSIVE BAN PROVIDEE THERE WERE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF VERIFICATION. HE ALSO SAID "TEMPORARY" BAN ON CW AGENTS NOT SUBJECT TO OBLIGATORY PROHIBITION WAS WORTH CONSIDERING. HE CALLED ON US AND USSR FOR "CONCRETE" INFORMATION ON JOINT CW INITIATIVE. CZECH REP RAISED LEVEL OF SOV BLOC PRESSURE ON US REGARDING CW, EXPRESSING HOPE TO HEAR FROM US CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT INITIATIVE. MONGOLIAN REP ALSO ALLUDED TO INITIATIVE AND HE ECHOED EXHORTATION TO PRC TO QUIT ATMOSPHERIC TESTING. MEXICAN REP DELIVERED EXHAUSTIVE DISCOURSE ON NFZ HISTORY AND THEORY. MEXICAN-SOVIET PROCEDURAL DISAGREEMENT PREVENTED ACCORD ON SCHEDULING FURTHER PHASES OF CCD'S 1975 SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN MARCH 25 CCD PLENARY JAPANESE REP NISIBORI MADE RELATIVELY BRIEF INTERVENTION ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO CW. HE SAID HE WAS RESPONDING TO COMMENTS ON JAPANESE DRAFT CW CONVENTION MADE BY MANY DELEGATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO SWEDISH SUGGESTION AT SUMMER 1974 CW EXPERTS' MEETING, NISIBORI SAID JAPAN HAD NO OBJECTION TO CHANGING CONVENTION'S REFERENCES TO "CHEMICAL AGENTS" TO READ "CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS." HE RECALLED THAT JAPANESE INTERPRETATION OF "CHEMICAL AGENTS" HAD BEEN AGENTS SPECIFIED IN 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL. NISIBORI ADDED THAT WHICHEVER EXPRESSION WAS USED, FORMULATION COULD NOT BE ABSTRACT SINCE IT WOULD DEFINE SCOPE OF AGENTS EVENTUALLY TO BE PROHIBITED UNDER THE CONVENTION; JAPANESE DEL CONSIDERED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ADOPT CONCRETE CRITERIA SUCH AS "LOWER THRESHOLD" PROPOSED IN SUMMER 1974 CANADIAN WORKING PAPER (CCD/414).

2. NISIBORI SAID JAPAN WAS SYMPATHETIC TO SOVIET AND POLISH SUGGESTIONS THAT BINARIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN INITIAL BAN SINCE THEY BECOME SUPER-TOXIC COMPOUNDS AT USE STAGE. HOWEVER, SUCH INCLUSION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FINDING EFFECTIVE MEANS OF VERIFYING BINARY COMPONENTS AND "AGREED APPLICATION" OF SUCH MEANS. RECALLING

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SWEDISH EXPERT'S SUGGESTION THAT LIST OF AGENTS EXEMPTED FROM BAN BE ADDED TO LIST OF THOSE OBLIGATORILY BANNED AT OUTSET, NISIBORI SUGGESTED "TEMPORARY" BAN OF "TWILIGHT ZONE" AGENTS NOT FALLING INTO EITHER LIST, EVEN THOUGH NO VERIFICATION WAS POSSIBLE. THIS APPROACH, HE SAID, MIGHT WORK AS "MORAL RESTRAINT" FOR STATE INTENDING TO DEVELOP NEW CHEMICAL AGENTS.

3. NISIBORI ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH POLISH REP WYZNER'S PREVIOUS WELCOME OF USSR REP ROSHCIN'S "INFORMATION" THAT MEASURES HAD NOW BEEN TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT US-SOVIET AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER JOINT CW INITIATIVE IN CCD. AT SAME TIME, HE SAID, HE "EARNESTLY HOPED" TO HEAR FURTHER CONCRETE VIEWS FROM THE TWO STATES CONCERNED REGARDING THAT "INFORMATION."

4. CZECHSLOVAK REP SOJAK STEPPED UP SOV BLOC PRESSURE ON THIS POINT SUBSTANTIALLY. ALSO REFERRING TO ROSHCIN STATEMENT, HE ADDED "WE HOPE THE OTHER CO-CHAIRMAN, AMBASSADOR MARTIN, WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THIS PROJECT." OTHERWISE, SOJAK LARGELY WENT THROUGH LITANY OF PREVIOUS SOV BLOC THEMES, PUTTING SOMEWHAT MORE STRESS ON WDC THAN SOME OF HIS COUNTERPARTS (HE SAID UK AND FRENCH PARTICIPATION ON UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WDC SHOULD ENCOURAGE TWO OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS SO FAR NOT TAKING PART TO REVIEW THEIR POSITIONS), AND DECLARING THAT CTB SHOULD APPLY TO ALL STATES, ABOVE ALL NWS. NUCLEAR POWERS SHOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN LTBT AND NPT WITHOUT EXCEPTION. ONE NEW ELEMENT WAS SUGGESTION THAT CCD SHOULD TAKE UP QUESTION OF CONFERENCE TO REVIEW OPERATION OF SEABEDS ARMS CONTROL TREATY.

5. MONGOLIAN REP DUGERSUREN ALSO RECITED MOST OF SOV BLOC'S FAMILIAR POSITIONS. HE WAS LESS FORCEFUL THAN SOJAK ON CW, SIMPLY NOTING THAT PROHIBITION OF MOST LETHAL WEAPONS, PER US-SOVIET SUMMIT STATEMENT, COULD POINT TO WAY OUT OF STAGNATION ON CW WHICH CCD HAD EXPERIENCED. ON OTHER HAND, DUGERSUREN WAS EXPLICIT IN CALL ON PRC TO STOP ATMOSPHERIC TESTING. HE ALSO SAID AN EXPERTS' MEETING ON ENMOD WOULD BE GREAT HELP, BUT THAT "MERE EXPERTISE" SHOULD NOT GET IN WAY OF CCD'S WORK TOWARD CONFIDENTIAL

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6. MEXICAN REP BARCIA ROBLES DELIVERED LONG DISCOURSE ON NFZS IN THEORY AND PRACTICE, CONCENTRATING ON TLATELOLCO TREATY. HE SAID AFRICAN NFZ TREATY WOULD BE PROPER NEXT STEP FOR THAT REGION. ACCORDING TO GARCIA ROBLES, TLATELOLCO TREATY WAS NOTABLY SUPERIOR TO NPT IN THAT FORMER CONTAINED TOTAL BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN AREA TO WHICH IT APPLIED; IN CONTRAST, NPT AIMED ONLY AT LIMITING NUMBER OF NWS BUT PLACED NO LIMITATION AGAINST NWS STATIONING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON TERRITORY OF OTHER STATES NOT OBJECTING.

7. CHAIRMAN (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) READ INTO RECORD INFORMALLY AGREED STATEMENT ON ORGANIZATION AND COMPOSITION OF NFZ STUDY

GROUP (GENEVA 1988) WHICH WAS THEN FORMALLY ADOPTED. ALSO FOR RECORD, INDIAN REP STATED HIS COUNTRY'S VIEW THAT ALL CCD MEMBERS WERE ENTITLED TO NOMINATE EXPERTS BUT REPEATED THAT INDIA WOULD NOT BLOCK CONSENSUS, BEING SATISFIED THAT THOSE STANDING DOWN WERE DOING SO VOLUNTARILY (BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT PROVIDE EXPERTS "OR FOR OTHER REASONS). BRAZIL, ITALY, CANADA AND FRG STATED THEIR INTENTION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND GROUP'S MEETINGS AND STATE THEIR VIEWS.

8. COMMENT: ALL USSR ALLIES WHO HAVE SPOKEN THIS SESSION HAVE MENTIONED US-SOVIET JOINT CW INITIATIVE; MOST HAVE EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT ROSHCIN'S OTHERWISE UNELUCIDATED REMARK THAT STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT IT. CZECHOSLOVAK REP'S OVERTLY EXPRESSED HOPE FOR US "ACCOUNTING" RE INITIATIVE GOES BEYOND JAPANESE IMPORTUNITIES IN SOME RESPECTS; IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT CONTINUATION OF SOVIET PRES-SURE ON CW WILL CULMINATE IN USSR PLENARY STATEMENT BEFORE END OF SPRING CCD SESSION SETTING FORTH FACTS WHICH THEY WILL PRESENT AS EVIDENCE OF SOVIET STEPS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE "JOINT INITIATIVE." DALE

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